

Torrance, California
October 11, 1949

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, on Tuesday, October 11, 1949, at 8:03 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem George Powell presiding.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those present being: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Sherfey.

All persons present in the Chamber participated in the Salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Mayor Pro Tem Powell announced the time had come to open bids for fire hose, and Clerk Bartlett read the following:

1. B. F. Goodrich Company (Harvel Guttenfelder)

1500'	2½"	Highflex Brand	\$ 1.50	per ft.
1500'	2½"	Vitaflex	"	1.50	" "
1500'	2½"	Jupiter	"	1.45	" "
1500'	2½"	Planet	"	1.40	" "
500'	1½"	Highflex	"	1.03	" "
500'	1½"	Jupiter	"	.93	" "
500'	1½"	Leaderline	"	.89	" "

2. Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.

1500'	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	double	jacked	400#	1.50	per	ft.
500'	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	"	"	1.05	"	"

3. The General Pacific Corp.

1500'	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Gen. Innerflex	1.44	"	"
500'	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	1.01	"	"

Councilman Jackson moved all bids be received and referred to the Fire Chief for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Bid bond check having been furnished by the General Pacific Corp., and not being necessary, their representative asked that the same be returned. So moved by Councilman Haggard, seconded by Councilman Jackson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27th be approved as read. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

There being no protests, oral or written, on the proposed closing of a certain alley in Tract No. 8198, Mayor pro tem Powell suggested the first meeting in November as the date for public hearing. So moved by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried.

Mayor pro tem Powell called for protests, oral or written, re the proposed vacation of a portion of High Street, Walteria Tract. There being none, Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 480

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING A POR-
TION OF HIGH STREET, WALTERIA TRACT.

Councilman Drale moved further reading of Ordinance No. 480 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 480 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read by Clerk Bartlett:

Letter from Mrs. Wm. S. Way registering complaint against Consolidated Photographers, 716 No. Western Ave., Hollywood. Councilman Jackson moved the matter be referred to the Chief of Police for investigation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Request from H. R. Moore, 1827 Gramercy, Torrance, for a special permit to use house trailer on back of his lot for sleeping quarters. Councilman Jackson moved the usual 90-day permit be granted, and that the writer be advised only temporary permits could be issued. Discussion followed. The motion, receiving no second, was declared lost by Mayor pro tem Powell. Councilman Drale moved that City Clerk Bartlett be instructed to investigate the matter as to whether or not the party intended to build, and that he notify the man of the City's policy, and report at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from VFW Post #3251 advising the Council that the organization is unable to continue sponsoring the Friday night Teen Age Dance. Councilman Jackson moved the communication be filed as a matter of record, copy sent to the Recreation Commission, and that a representative of the VFW be present at the next meeting of the Recreation Commission to see if something could be worked out. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

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Letter from Torrance Retail Merchants Division of Chamber of Commerce objecting to one-way street traffic. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Manager, City Engineer and City Street Superintendent. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from City Coordinator of El Segundo re meeting to be held in El Segundo on October 14th re establishment of judicial districts. Matter of record.

Letter from County Sanitation District re appointment to Board of Directors. Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Haggard suggested the Resolution be referred to the City Attorney for approval and that the City of Torrance absent itself from the meeting of the Sanitation Districts on October 13th. So moved by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Haggard and unanimously carried.

Letter from City Manager Stevens reporting on the following matters previously referred to him:

- a. Contemplated establishment of pick-up and disposal service for dead animals by San Pedro Commercial Company. Complete literature to be received.
- b. Two-hour parking request, by Lenora E. Ohlman, in front of the Christian Science Reading Room. Request not to be pressed.
- c. Request from Torrance Toastmasters Club re erection of sign on the Service Clubs Cluster. Space to be found.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from Earle A. Lloyd, Planning Engineer, recommending rezoning of Hickory Ave., between Carson and Sonoma Streets, from A-1 to R-2. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommended change of zone. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Request from Hammerton Tract Community Church for use of the Auditorium December 6th for the showing of a religious picture. Not being a resident of the City of Torrance, Councilman Drale moved the usual Auditorium fee of \$35 be charged. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Dept. of Public Works of Los Angeles re the opening and widening of Western Ave., submitting Escrow Instructions for signature and requesting check for \$16. Councilman Haggard moved the Mayor be authorized to sign the Escrow Instructions and check to the Title Co. be issued. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the County Counsel enclosing Agreement for an enlarged community recreation program for the El Nido District, between the County, Torrance Unified School District and the City of Torrance. Discussion followed. The City Attorney having approved the Agreement as to form, Councilman Jackson moved the execution of the Agreement be authorized. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, A CONTRACT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND ARNOLD SCHLEUNIGER CO., OF EL SEGUNDO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF THE NORTH TORRANCE FIRE STATION.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2016. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OBJECTING TO THE SALE, BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 7, PART 6, DIVISION 1 OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2017. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2018. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND A. P. WRIGHT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL FARMING RIGHTS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 485

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING THAT PORTION OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 15, MEADOW PARK TRACT, LYING NORTH OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, BEGINNING AT A POINT 331.88 FEET EAST OF OCEAN AVENUE AND EXTENDING EASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of Ordinance No. 485 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 485 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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ORDINANCE NO. 486

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316,
RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED
IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 173.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of Ordinance No. 486 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 486 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 487

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITION
OF "LICENSE AND TAX INSPECTOR" AND AMENDING ORD-
INANCE NO. 326.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of Ordinance No. 487 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Haggard moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 487 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read the following recommendations of the City Manager.

PERSONNEL:

1. That the Fire Chief be authorized to employ five firemen, effective October 15, 1949. Provision was made for these men in the budget.
2. That members of the City Council, the City Attorney, Treasurer, Assistant to City Engineer and City Manager be authorized to attend the League of California Cities Convention in San Francisco, Oct. 23rd to 27th, with appropriate expenses paid.
3. That Victor Benstead be authorized to attend the Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada National Convention in San Francisco, Oct. 23rd to 27th, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Jackson moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Warren Southwest, Inc., for the improvement of Hawthorne Boulevard from Huntington Street to 190th Street, the sum of \$24,765.35. (From State Funds)
2. That the 1949-50 budget for the Torrance Library District, submitted by the County in the amount of \$10,993.54, be approved.
3. For the purchase of an electric saw and generator, complete, the sum of \$782.50 plus tax. (A budget item)
4. To the Barclay Surveying Company for survey services during the last half of September, the sum of \$296.00.
5. For the purchase of filing cabinets for City Clerk's office, the sum of \$449.42 plus tax. (A budget item)

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BIDS:

1. That bids be invited for the improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. between 190th Street and 186th Street.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

1. That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs, in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission:
 - a. Four-way STOP signs at Crenshaw Blvd. and 171st St.
 - b. Two-way STOP signs on 235th St. at Eshelman Ave.
 - c. STOP sign for west-bound traffic on Roberts Road at Linda Drive.
 - d. STOP sign for south-bound traffic on Linda Drive at Roberts Road.

Councilman Jackson moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to renew the right-of-way lease with Pacific Electric Company on Torrance Blvd.

Councilman Drale moved Council concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett then read the following letter from the Planning Commission:

"At a regular meeting of the Torrance Planning Commission held October 4, 1949, the following case was considered and acted upon:

"CASE NO. 178: Proposed Change of Zone as follows: 'From the Southeasterly corner of Hollywood Riviera north to Pacific Coast Highway, thence in an easterly direction along the center line of said highway to the westerly line of Meadow Park Tract, thence north to the center line of Sepulveda Blvd., thence east to the center line of Hawthorne Blvd., thence south to the center line of Lomita Blvd., thence east to the easterly boundary line of Meadow Park Tract, thence south to the north boundary line of the City of Palos Verdes, thence along the south boundary line of the City of Torrance to the point of beginning.'

"Two official public hearings have been held according to State and local law and the ordinance further requires that one additional public hearing be held before your honorable body. This hearing cannot legally be held before November 8, 1949, in order to comply with the legal notice requirements.

"All supporting data necessary in connection with the above mentioned public hearing will be available at the time of such hearing."

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation and that public hearing be set for November 8th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

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Since November 8th, the scheduled date for a Regular Council meeting, is Election Day, Mayor pro tem Powell asked that Council rescind its action in setting public hearings for that date, changing them to November 9th, which will be the date of the Regular Meeting. So moved by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried.

Councilman Drale asked about representation on the Metropolitan Water Board. City Manager Stevens advised he had nothing to report, and he was instructed to make inquiry and report at the next meeting.

As a tax-payer, Councilman Drale urged police protection for North and Southwest Torrance. As a Councilman, he moved that \$10,000, of the \$25,000 budgeted for a new police station, be earmarked for substations in each of the two areas. Motion was seconded by Mayor pro tem Powell, with the resulting roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard and Jackson. The vote being a tie, Mayor pro tem Powell asked that the Chief of Police, the Council, and representatives of the areas concerned meet to discuss the matter. So moved by Councilman Haggard, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried. City Manager Stevens was asked to arrange for such a meeting as soon as possible.

Mayor pro tem Powell suggested that Mr. Wagner, of Hammerton Tract Community Church, discuss his moving picture proposition with the group sponsoring it to perhaps work out something which would "get around" the \$35.00 Auditorium fee.

Mayor pro tem Powell reported on the condition of City Attorney Smith as being much improved and introduced a Resolution relating to future presentation of resolutions, ordinances, contracts, and other instruments. Discussion followed, Councilman Drale moving that such procedure be adopted and resolution drawn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Mayor pro tem Powell asked for a Resolution by the City Attorney, or whatever was necessary, to proceed with the codification of the City ordinances. Following a discussion as to cost, time, etc., Mayor pro tem Powell so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Pons, 1610 Cabrillo, called to the attention of the Council, the need of a Bus Depot in Torrance, advising them that the space formerly occupied by Helen's Cafe was vacant and possibly could be obtained. Mayor pro tem Powell asked that she meet with the Council after meeting to discuss the matter.

Mayor pro tem Powell then read a memorandum from the Civil Service Board relating to certain action taken by the Board covering bulletins for pending examinations. Discussion followed. Mayor pro tem Powell invited the Council to attend the next meeting of the Board for clarification of the matters.

Councilman Jackson moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

On motion of Councilman Haggard, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE